

November 25, 1949.

Dr. T. R. Hagness,  
Director,  
Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago 37, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Hogness:

First, let me express my appreciation to the Institute for its hospitality during my recent visit. I enjoyed giving the Slotin Memorial lectures very much and have the impression, frankly, that they went off rather better than I had hoped.

Concerning the possibility of my association with the Institute, as you say, I could hardly give a definite answer without time for consideration and consultation with my colleagues, and further information on your proposals. I have found life in Madison very congenial, and would hesitate to live again in a large city. However, I would like very much to discuss the question with you in detail.

As I understand it, another meeting of phage and bacterial geneticists is scheduled for December 19-20, and I had planned to attend. Would this be a satisfactory occasion to meet with you? On the other hand, we would be delighted to have you visit this laboratory, if you would prefer to make the trip. Any time in the next four weeks that would suit your convenience would do quite well.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg